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Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Attorney Docket No.: YMOR:172A

Date: March 10, 2004

Prior Application:

Examiner: Minh N. Trinh
Group Art Unit: 3729

Sir:

This is a

- [] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
- [x] Divisional Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. <u>09/654,043</u>, filed <u>September 1, 2000</u> for [Title as filed]: <u>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOUNTING COMPONENTS</u>

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: <u>Ken Takano; Muneyoshi Fujiwara; Seiichi Mogi;</u>
<u>and Kurayasu Hamasaki</u>

- 1. [x] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
- 2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT OR CREDIT FEES TO DEP. ACCT. 16-0331 PARKHURST & WENDEL 3. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW .

Basic Fee \$ 770.00

Total claims 15 -20 = 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =

Independent claims 6 - 3 = 3 x \$86.00 (*43.00) = 258.00

Total Filing Fee..... = \$1,028.00

- 4. [x] A check in the amount of \$1,028.00 is enclosed (CK# 17435).

 THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 160331.
- 5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
- 6. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 - --This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/654,043 filed September 1, 2000, now allowed.--
- 7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was not entered therein.
- 8. [x] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 11-249411, filed September 3, 1999; in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 - [x] The certified copy was filed in prior application No. 09/654,043 on September 1, 2000.
 - [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- 9. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to <u>MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC</u> <u>INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.</u> Recorded at Reel <u>011073</u>, Frame <u>0711</u>.

- 10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
 - [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - [x] c. Address all future communications to

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- 11. [x] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.
- 12. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
- 13. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.
- 14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.
- 15. [] A Petition for Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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